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LETTER DATED 2 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement by the Kuwaiti Minister for Affairs relating to the Council of Ministers concerning international moves designed to put an end to the criminal occupation of Kuwait by Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and the annex hereto circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement by the Kuwaiti Minister of Affairs relating to the Council of Ministers on 2 January 1991

Kuwait is following attentively international moves designed to put an end to the criminal occupation of Kuwait by Iraq, particularly the dispatch, several times, of the current President of the European Economic Community, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg, in order to reaffirm the Community's position on the question of the occupation of Kuwait.

Strongly convinced that the European Economic Community consistently represents an influential force capable of compelling the aggressor Iraqi régime to yield to the will of the international community, Kuwait wishes, in this critical situation, to stress the following points:

1. There is absolutely no way out of the grave situation into which the perfidious occupation of the State of Kuwait by Iraq has thrust the region other than to compel the Iraqi régime to implement fully and unconditionally all the decisions of the Security Council by the date set by the Council in its resolution 678.

2. Kuwait believes that the initiative of the European Economic Community reaffirming the Community's known, unified position and its commitment to full implementation of all the resolutions of the Security Council is designed to strengthen the international front against the aggressor Iraqi régime, with a view to compelling it to comply with the Council's resolutions on the occupation of the territory of the State of Kuwait.

3. The State of Kuwait, while appreciating all international efforts undertaken with a view to the implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council, reaffirms that the Iraqi régime seeks to exploit any form of intervention - whatever good intentions underlie the intervention - in order to accomplish its purpose, namely, to break out of the international isolation imposed on it and to consolidate its iniquitous occupation of Kuwait, by playing for time and prolonging the occupation and its violations of the resolutions of the Security Council, with the aim of weakening the position of the international community, which resolutely rejects the continuation of the Iraqi occupation, reaffirming the need to implement the will of the international community by liberating Kuwait and by ensuring unconditional withdrawal by Iraq from all Kuwaiti territory and the return of the legitimate Government of Kuwait, under the leadership of His Majesty the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

We implore God to bring us a speedy victory and to liberate Kuwait from the horrors of the occupation.